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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 116

24 October 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
*Col. Schmelzer	Army
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Capt. Kirten	Navy
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lieut. Jones	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
25X(A92) Mr. Hession	Air Force
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	CIA (Chairman)

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2. The Army member submitted a statement of requirements^{25X6A} for Base Maps on the NIS 45 elements which are being prepared by Army [REDACTED]

3. The Air Force member reported that his agency will start the preparation of NIS 45, Section No. 23 (Weather and Climate) the latter part of F.Y. 1952, and will schedule and complete the section in F.Y. 1953. (Refer to Paragraph 2, NIS Committee Meeting No. 115). In connection with the foregoing reference, the statement that, "with the exception of Section No. 23, all sections of Chapter II (NIS 45) are scheduled for production in F.Y. 1952," means only that initial preparation of these sections is scheduled to start in F.Y. 1952. Final production and publication of these sections are not contemplated until F.Y. 1953.

4. In respect to the release of certain NIS to the international staff of SHAPE, the Navy member submitted a statement on the release status of Navy-produced elements which have been published, or are now in process in D/B. Statement from the Air Force, which is ready except for signature, will be submitted directly to D/B. The Army statement will be submitted at the next meeting, or, if ready sooner, directly to D/B. The Chairman stated that when all statements have been received from the agencies D/B will prepare a consolidated statement which will be submitted to the Committee for approval prior to presentation to G-2 for consideration of the JIC Committee.

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Col. Schmelzer of the Security Division G-2, Army, informed the Committee of a prospective change in the existing arrangement between the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee and the ad-hoc Committee of the JIC with regard to release of NIS to SHAPE. In essence, this change would transfer responsibility for final determination of such release from the ad hoc Committee, where it now rests, to the SDMIC Committee. The latter has recently been provided with a permanent Secretariat for the purpose of receiving and processing requests for releases of this type. (See MIC-206/75).

This change will not, however, affect the functioning of the NIS Committee with respect to such releases. The IAC agreed that G-2, Army, using a JIC Committee, would suggest which NIS sections should be released to SHAPE. (Item No. 2, of minutes of the IAC meeting of 19 July 1951). By authority granted by the AC of S, G-2, the NIS Committee screens the NIS on the USSR and the Soviet Satellites and makes recommendations to G-2 for the release of this material to the international staff of SHAPE. Since the prospective change pertains only to the utilization by G-2 of a JIC Committee in conformity with the IAC agreement, the NIS Committee will continue to be responsible for the initial screening of the sections on these areas, and submitting its recommendations for release to G-2.

The Army member gave informal notice of a further change which will affect the type of releases to be acted upon. The original proposal provided for consideration of release of NIS to the international staff of SHAPE in three categories, i.e., 1) US eyes only, 2) Key Officials only, 3) Table (Full release). The change, which is in process, will eliminate category 2, (Key Officials only). Committee members will consider release recommendations accordingly.

(5) Further discussion was held on ways and means of stabilizing NIS production. (Refer to NIS Committee Meetings No. 113, No. 114, and No. 115). The Navy member submitted a 1st draft of a memorandum which he proposes to send to the Committee Chairman, outlining the difficulties being faced in meeting NIS production commitments. Acquiring and training of personnel authorized under the augmentation program directed by the SecDef on 14 Dec. 1950 had not been completed, with the result that the recent SecDef 5% personnel cut directive, which also stopped new hirings after 6 August 1951, will cause an actual civilian employee reduction of more than 18% from the authorized strength upon which NIS production commitments for F.Y. 1952 were based. Army concurs in the Navy statement while Air Force has found relief from a similar situation by obtaining a restoration of a substantial number of the positions affected by the 5% personnel cut directive so its NIS production capabilities remain unchanged. (In regard to this Air Force action, delete "NIS" in reference thereto in paragraph 6, NIS Committee Meeting No. 115.) The situation in the Service Agencies with respect to production capabilities

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was summarized as follows:

- Army - The Production Division, G-2, will not be reduced as other G-2 components will absorb cuts but this G-2 Division will lose 9 T/O positions authorized for the NIS program under the SecDef augmentation directive of 14 Dec. 1950, which combined with loss of NIS production capabilities in the Army Technical Services under the 5% cut directive, will adversely affect NIS production for both FY 1952 and FY 1953.
- Navy - Personnel cut directive will cause Navy to defect on approximately 20% of scheduled production for F.Y. 1952, and will preclude meeting planned production requirements for F.Y. 1953, unless the situation is rectified.
- Air Force - Production capabilities adequate for meeting scheduled F.Y. 1952 requirements and planned F.Y. 1953 schedule.

The Army and Navy members stated that they were looking into the possibility of obtaining restoration of NIS production capabilities, as was obtained by Air Force. Further action in this matter is contingent upon their findings.

Following statements of positions by the Service Agency members it was indicated that Army was primarily interested in exploring the feasibility of centralized fiscal support for the NIS program. The Army member suggested that such support should be considered only with relation to G-2 NIS activities, and should not include the Army Technical Services. The Chairman took the suggestion under consideration and will open the matter for further discussion at the next meeting.

6. The Air Force member distributed copies of a proposed change in the Outline and Outline Guide for Section 83, (Air Force) for study and discussion at the next meeting. The Chairman advised that the revised NIS Outline and Outline Guide were now in the galley proof stage and due for publication in the near future. However, if approved by the Committee, the proposed changes could be made without seriously delaying publication. It was requested that approval be telephoned to D/B if the proposed was found to be generally acceptable, so that galley proofs could be run, and any necessary minor changes could be made thereon.

7. In connection with the approved change in Outline and Outline Guide for NIS Chapter IX (Refer to Item No. 7, NIS Committee Meeting No. 115) the Navy member agreed, in response to a request by the Chairman, to instruct the Navy Photo Interpretation Center to proceed with its' contributions to Chapter IX in accordance with the new Outline.

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8. The Army member stated that AMS had recommended that certain Top Secret Maps on NIS Area No. 27 be excluded from Chapter IX for that area because of sensitivity of both source and content. An alternate suggestion was that these maps be utilized in a Top Secret Annex. After full discussion it was agreed that a Top Secret Annex would be inappropriate, and that the maps in question should be utilized in the preparation of Chapter IX, with proper classification, and control statement that would restrict the information to US Officially only. Col. Schlemzer stated that the Security Division, G-2, would not object to such use of the material provided it was fully restricted to US eyes only during the preparatory stages in the producing agency as well as in final published form. The Chairman inquired as to the possibility of referring to the maps in a lower classification since the maps themselves are not needed to meet Chapter IX requirements. The Army member will investigate possible use under lower classification.

9. The Army member reported that the Army Engineers had obtained some excellent photographs and other basic intelligence material from the ECA files in NIS Area No. 24 (Greece), and were of the opinion that substantial quantities of such intelligence materials are in the ECA files in other countries in which that agency has operated. It was recommended that ways and means be found to obtain this basic material for use by the agencies engaged in the NIS program. The Chairman undertook to check into the matter informally and report back at the next meeting.

10. The Army member called attention to an error in the heading of Section 45, NIS Area No. 67 (Greenland), which has been published. A "State" heading appears on each page whereas it should have been "ARMY".

11. ^{25X6A} Since the arrangement with ^{25X6A} FECOM for the preparation of certain chapters for NIS ^{25X6A} provides for coverage of only ^{25X6A} inquiry was made as to whether NIS ^{25X6A} should be divided to permit coverage of the balance of the area in a separate NIS. It was decided that division of the NIS area was not desirable; that NIS for the areas not covered by FECOM should be prepared in the US and published as annexes.

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